

Radiation Seen by Science Experts as Cause of Leukemia

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Excelsior Springs, Mo.—(UPI)—Inhabitants of this present atomic age should be very happy that science is working hard and making progress with leukemia, the utterly incurable cancer of the blood.

Radiation, the inevitable accompaniment of the atomic age, causes leukemia. Of that there hardly is any doubt. The good news is that science now has a most plausible clue as to how radiation does it.

Suppose leukemia is caused by a virus. If so, it may be a virus which sleeps harmlessly, in untold multitudes—until something happens which awakens it into death-dealing malignancy. Radiation may be a something.

Proves Virus Leukemia

This supposing stems from the pioneering work of Dr. Ludwik Gross which has convinced most cancer scientists, including the most skeptical, that at least one leukemia—a leukemia of mice—is caused by a virus. Gross' proof published several years ago was as positive as proof can be in this difficult field.

Gross told a seminar for science writers, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, on the newest findings in cancer research, that a leukemia induced in mice (of a kind which rarely produces spontaneous leukemia) by radiation with X-rays can be transmitted to other mice by injecting them with a tissue extract of the irradiated mice from which everything filterable had been filtered out. Presumably what is left are viruses since these leukemic viruses of mice go through the finest filter.

One shouldn't jump to conclusions on this because Gross doesn't. Scientist that he is, he awaits the evidence coming from the experiments which will be based on this one. But on the matter of radiation being a cause of leukemia, the panel of leukemia experts who briefed the science writ-

Servicemen

EXPECTED HERE

Leroy A. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Knight, 432 Fairmont st., will arrive here Thursday on a five-day leave from the U.S. Navy. An electronics technician on the USS Hamul, he has been in the Orient for the past nine months.

WITH SQUADRON

Edward I. Hatch, electronics technician first class, son of Mrs. Marion L. Hawkins, route 2, box 655, Central Point, is serving with the U.S. Navy Fighter Squadron 124 at the Naval Air station, Moffett Field, Calif.

RETURNS TO U.S.

Dale C. Matthews, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, 914 Ross lane, and Bayard O. Stone, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Stone, 403 DeBarr ave., all Medford, recently returned to Long Beach, Calif., aboard the destroyer leader USS Wilkinson.

The sailors spent a five month tour of duty in the western Pacific aboard the Navy ship.

GRADUATES

William L. Evans, seaman apprentice, in the U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Evans, 1425 Lawnridge st., was recently graduated from indoctrination training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Evans was appointed an apprentice petty officer third class during his training. The selection is based on individual aptitude and leadership qualities.

ABOARD DESTROYER

Buddy G. Mires, seaman, son of Mrs. Lawrence Vielbig, Phoenix, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Everole operating with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the western Pacific.

Installation of Officers Slated By Elks Lodge



WILLIAM RUCK
New Exalted Ruler

William Ruck, a member of the teaching staff of Medford High school, will be installed Exalted ruler of the Medford lodge of Elks at ceremonies in the temple Thursday night.

Other recently elected and appointed officers who will take the oath of office are Wayne Chase, esteemed leading knight; Murrey Dumas, esteemed loyal knight; Monte Morris, esteemed lecturing knight; R. G. Phair, secretary; E. W. Winkle, treasurer; Paul Selby, esquire; Robert Rix, assistant esquire; George Howard, tiler; Marvin Trautman, chaplain; Lyle Perkins, inner guard; Jerry Dyrup, organist; and Don Davis, alternate delegate. Trustees are R. O. Stephenson, Morris B. Leonard, L. G. Miles, Frank Hussong and Dick Woodcock.

Ruck was born in Pittsburgh, Penn. After his discharge from the armed services in 1945 he moved to Boise, Idaho, and then to Medford three years later. He finished his education at Southern Oregon college, and the University of Oregon. He taught in Central Point and Phoenix. He has been at Medford High three years.

Churchill Relaxes In Riviera Sun

London—(UPI)—Sir Winston Churchill relaxed in the Riviera sunshine today. But his wife mournfully celebrated her 74th birthday in the family townhouse ransacked by week end thieves.

"What a pity it had to happen at birthday time," was the regretful comment of Lady Clementine Churchill as she surveyed the family mementos strewn about the disorderly rooms.

Police today estimated the missing valuables—jewels and furs—at nearly \$30,000. A firm of insurance assessors offered a \$2,500 reward for recovery of the Churchill treasures.

Ruck has headed the Student Government Day and the scholarship and leadership contest committees for Medford lodge for the past two years. He has served on many other committees during four

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Stans said government costs would be forced up by "built-in uncontrollable increases" in existing programs even if Congress voted no additional spending to the Eisenhower budget for 1960.

The President will send the 1961 budget to Congress next January. His narrowly-balanced 1960 budget calls for \$77 billion in federal spending for the year starting next July 1.

Despite the expected spending increase, Stans held out hope that Eisenhower again would be able to submit a balanced budget next January. He predicted that an expanding economy would push up tax revenues enough to match the predicted "built-in" spending hikes.

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